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**Arizona House of Representatives**

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## Representative Vince Leach Praises Passage of Legislation to Protect Arizona Ratepayers

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Vince Leach (R-11) today praised the House passage of [HB 2005](#), legislation he introduced to establish penalties for public services corporations that violate constitutional provisions related to electric generation mandates.

The legislation would protect Arizona ratepayers from a potential initiative funded by a California billionaire that seeks to place unrealistic renewable mandates on Arizona public utilities.

**“The consequences of complying with these unrealistic mandates would be catastrophic to Arizona – electric bills would skyrocket, tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue would be lost, thousands of jobs would go away, Arizonans would be forced to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to construct new power plants, and the state’s economic competitiveness would be severely jeopardized,”** said Representative Leach. **“I’m proud to stand up for Arizonans by standing up to California billionaire Tom Steyer.”**

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